Systems (IBM)-defined, byte controlled communications protocol, using control characters and synchronized transmission of binary coded data.

#### § 400.203 Financial statement and certification.

- (a) An entity desiring to become or continue as a contractor shall submit to the Corporation a financial statement which is as of a date not more than eighteen (18) months prior to the date of submission.
- (b) The financial statement submitted shall be audited by a CPA (CPA Audit); or if a CPA audited financial statement is not available, the statement submitted to the Corporation must be accompanied by a certification of:
- (1) The owner, if the business entity is a sole proprietorship; or
- (2) At least one of the general partners, if the business entity is a partnership; or
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, if the business entity is a Corporation, that said statement fairly represents the financial condition of the entity on the date of such certification to the Corporation. If the financial statement as certified by the Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, partner, or owner is submitted, a CPA audited financial statement must be submitted if subsequently available.

# § 400.204 Notification of deviation from standards.

A Contractor shall advise the Corporation immediately if the Contractor deviates from the requirements of these standards. The Corporation may require the Contractor to show compliance with these standards during the contract year if the Corporation determines that such submission is necessary. If the Corporation determines that the deviation is temporary, the Corporation may grant a temporary waiver pending compliance within a specified period of time. A waiver of any provision of these standards will not be granted to an applicant for a contract.

#### § 400.205 Denial or termination of contract and administrative reassignment of business.

Non-compliance with these standards will result in:

- (a) The denial of a Contract; or
- (b) Termination of an existing Contract.

In the event of denial or termination of the Contract, all crop insurance policies of the Corporation sold by the Contractor and all business pertaining thereto may be assumed by the Corporation and may be administratively reassigned by the Corporation to another Contractor.

# § 400.206 Financial qualifications for acceptability.

The financial statement of an entity must show total allowable assets in excess of liabilities and the ability of the entity to meet current liabilities by the use of current assets.

### § 400.207 Representative licensing and certification.

- (a) A Contractor must maintain twenty-five (25) licensed and certified Contractor Representatives.
- (b) A Contractor's Representative who solicits, sells and services FCIC policies or represents the Contractor in solicitation, sales or service of such policies must hold a license as issued by the State or States in which the policies are issued, which license authorizes the sales of insurance in any one or more of the following lines:
  - (1) Multiple peril crop insurance;
  - (2) Crop hail insurance;
  - (3) Casualty insurance;
  - (4) Property insurance;
  - (5) Liability insurance; or
  - (6) Fire insurance and allied lines.

The Contractor must submit evidence, satisfactory to the Corporation, verifying the type of State license held by each Representative and the date of expiration of each license.

(c) A Contractor's Representative must have achieved certification by the Corporation for each crop upon which the Representative sells and services insurance.

#### § 400.208 Term of the contract.

(a) The term of the Contract shall commence on July 1 or when signed.